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On the Journey

From the Catholic Social Activist, Dorothy Day:

"We have all known the long loneliness, and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community."

For many of us, summer is a time when our usual patterns of work, learning, and activity are disrupted for the sake of time to start a project, see friends, travel, or simply care for what grows around us. Our summer services address everything from Superman, to wearable theology, to the non-human creatures in our lives. These months are times of losses as much as they open to possibilities. Even as school starts for many students, I invite us to continue to explore sources of inspiration and meaning in this summer-time.

My invitation has an additional purpose. We are called to meet this time in our lives with compassion for ourselves and a desire to create a more just and more whole world. As I said in the July newsletter, we are called to show up for each other. We are a community of all ages and many origins. New people are finding us every Sunday. Our task is to keep connecting with one another across generations and length of time with this congregation. For now, if you think of someone, reach out to them and say hello, especially outside of Sunday morning. Relationship is one of our superpowers. Let's use it!

Our congregation also strives to show up for the world. Thank you to everyone who participated in the River City Pride event on July 19. Thousands of people attended in spite of the rain and humidity. I hope folks will participate in the upcoming pro-democracy gatherings, such as the Rage Against the Regime hosted by Peoria 50501 at Lakeview Park on August 2. If you want to know more about how religious communities can be advocates in this time, check out this resource from the UUA <https://www.uua.org/justice-programs/realrules>. See me, Jesi Laughlin, or Board President Edward Flint for further conversation.

I will be away for the first two weekends of August before settling into getting ready for the start of the church year. After August 12, I am available for coffee, visiting, and hearing about how you are doing.

*Bowing to the Light Within,
Reverend Jennifer*

Sunday Services

Sunday, August 3, 10:30am

"T-Shirt Theology"

Regina Stanley & the Congregation

(This service is inspired by Jill Thomas.)

It has been said, "You are what you wear." A message on a t-shirt can tell us a lot about the person wearing it. During this service, members of the congregation will share some of their favorite shirts and their messages. *(See p. 2 for more info.)*

Sunday, August 10, 10:30am

"New Horizons: Principles to Dream and Create a New World"

Gary Chatham

How do we create positive change today in the face of negativity? Ideas from the past can help us heal ourselves, heal our relationship with the Earth, and create deeper community.

Sunday, August 17, 10:30am

**"The Lamp Beside the Golden Door:
Welcoming Immigrants to America"**

February Sky ~ Susan Urban and Phil Cooper

The path of immigrants in America has not been all easy money and streets paved with gold. Besides leaving behind family and beloved homelands, immigrants have often been subjected to discrimination, overwork, low wages, and substandard living conditions. We will look at the treatment of various immigrant groups when they first arrived in the U.S. and consider how we, as Unitarian Universalists, can help to welcome our new neighbors from other lands.

Please join us for this special musical service.

Sunday, August 24, 10:30am

"Blessing of the Animals - and the Backpacks"

Reverend Jennifer Innis

Join us for our Blessing of the Animals! Beloved animals are welcome to join us onsite or in a photo. In-person pets must be leashed or in a kennel or carrier. See Rev. Jennifer for information, especially regarding size and species of animals. This service will include a "blessing of the backpacks," where we will recognize what we carry with us and how we create our places for learning and work. Bring your backpacks, computer bags, lunchboxes, and more!

Sunday, August 31, 10:30am

"Wondering Together:

The Question Box Sermon"

Reverend Jennifer Innis

For our end of summer Question Box Sermon, you are part of creating the message along with Reverend Jennifer. Send her your questions ahead of time or offer them in person during the service. She will respond to as many as possible during the sermon. Your input also helps her plan for the year. Send your questions to Reverend Jennifer by email at revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org or by phone at 972-639-7900.



Sunday Worship



Special Guests ~ February Sky Sunday, August 17

February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban) is a folk duo who specializes in presenting music-based services at various UU churches and fellowships as they travel with their music. Susan started presenting this type of service at 2nd Unitarian Church in Chicago in the 1980s. She began presenting services for other UU churches in 1998. Phil joined Susan occasionally for these services, mostly as a backup musician. When they became a duo in 2007, he began working with Susan in creating services and started taking a more active role in presentation as well. In 2013, Phil and Susan moved to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and became full-time musicians and UU service presenters. They have produced six CDs of original and traditional music.

T-Shirt Theology: Sunday, August 3

Our T-Shirt Theology service is back by popular demand! Wear a t-shirt to church on August 3 that reflects your values or beliefs, and, if you wish, you will be welcomed to the mic for a 60-second time of sharing what your shirt means to you. Messages that relate to UU values are preferred. Topics can relate to an issue, but messages related to a person should be avoided. Life is so stressful right now that positive messages are encouraged. Questions? Please email Membership Coordinator Regina Stanley at membership@peoriauuchurch.org.

This service is a great way to get to know each other!



Summer Adventures in Religious Education

June 1 - August 31, Sundays at 10:30am

Summer at UUCP brings adventures for kids and youth. Religious Education will be presented in a one-room schoolhouse setting. Each week, we'll explore our UU faith through play and curiosity. The kids will not divide into age-based classrooms, and youth are invited to decide if they would like to join RE, view and discuss an episode of *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, or stay for the lay-led worship. One thing stays the same in summer—we still need volunteers for Sunday to be a success. See Jesi Laughlin or sign up here: <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/211279>

Summer Adventures in RE for August

August 3: T-Shirt Fun **August 10:** Small Wonders in Nature
August 17: Music **August 24:** All-Ages Worship, Blessing of the Animals
August 31: Questions

Share the Plate August ~ Hope Renewed Youth Conference

HRYC provides scholarships to deserving candidates in the professions of teaching and law enforcement. Recipients commit to working in the community after they complete college. Ideally, this will help change the culture of both professions, allowing for more people of color and for people who will invest in the community by both working and living in it. HRYC is a 501(c)3 charity and relies on fundraising and donations. They receive no government funding. For more information, go to <https://www.hryc.info> or look for Hope Renewed Youth Conference on Facebook.

Our UU Share the Plate program allows for one-half of the undesignated Sunday offering to be donated each month to a local not-for-profit organization. You may also put cash or check in an envelope with the charity's name on it, and we will be happy to forward it.



Upcoming Ingathering Service

Sunday, September 7, 10:30am

*"Ingathering Water Communion:
Come You Longing, Thirsty Souls"*

We honor the start of our year by collecting gifts of water (actual and symbolic) from that which sustained us over the summer. Please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.



Hymn Singing Support

Thank you to all who volunteered to assist with hymns during service. Rev. Jennifer has a plan that will start in August. Contact her with questions. We will make a joyful noise!

2025-26 RE for Children & Youth

Overview of Religious Education in 2025-26

On September 21, age-group classes will resume for Sunday Morning Children & Youth Religious Education. Here is a sneak peek of each class. See the church website for more details!

Nursery Care (birth-3 yrs) ~ Every week, we provide loving care in our Nursery for the youngest UUs among us.

Spirit Play (PreK-1st Grade) ~ Spirit Play uses storytelling, ritual, play, and creativity to help children explore their Unitarian Universalist faith. It is inspired by the Montessori method and focuses on fostering a child's individual search for truth and meaning.

Lego Values (2nd-4th Grade) ~ An introduction to UU Shared Values through storybooks, discussion, Legos, and play activities. In the second half of the year, we will use Mosaic Lifespan Anti-Racism Curriculum to provide age-appropriate learning about identity, culture, and building the beloved community.

Power of the People (5th-8th Grade) ~ We will investigate times in American History when others have taken action, discuss what values guided them, and let the past inspire our future. We will draw from the book *Rad American History A-Z* by Kate Schatz and Miriam Klein Stahl and art projects from Mint & Bloom.

Pathfinders (9th-12th Grade) ~ Our high school class will be finding their own path by building their UU identity through Games to Build Community and, later, by examining white supremacy culture, exploring indigenous wisdom, and planning a worship service for our whole community.

Our Whole Lives: Lifespan Sexuality Curriculum ~ This year, we plan to run three sessions of OWL: *Grades 5-6 Fall 2025 ~ Grades K-1 Winter 2026 ~ Grades 10-11 Spring 2026*

Register Today for Children & Youth Religious Education at UUCP!

Register or update your family's registration for CYRE at UUCP. Registration helps us plan programming, maintain a safe environment, communicate our policies, and keep accurate contact information. Please complete the online registration at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/215833> or print and turn in a hard copy next time you are at church using [this PDF](#).

Volunteer Today



Volunteer in Children & Youth Religious Education at UUCP

Teaching teams for 2025-26 are forming now, and we need you to help make Sunday morning classes a success. Read the class descriptions above and see Jesi Laughlin, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, to select the class you would like to work with. If committing to a teaching team is not a fit for you, think about other ways you would like to help. Options include caretaking the kids area in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, cleaning and stocking the busy bags and fidgets, organizing special events, maintaining bulletin boards, and more. Fill out the sign up or email Jesi at DLRE@peoriaUChurch.org to make your commitment today.

Activities & Announcements



Annual UU Rummage Sale

Friday, August 1, 8am-5pm & Saturday, August 2, 8am-3pm (half price)

Clean Up: Sunday, August 3, after church ~ Mexican food to follow

The rummage sale is upon us! Come out and get some bargains! We also still need volunteers to help run the sale. We need cashiers, hold table workers, and boutique workers, as well as people to add up sales, help direct customers, and tidy up rooms. Of course, we will also need help cleaning up after service on August 3. Any help is appreciated! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lindy Peterson at 309-397-8356 or lindytpeterson@comcast.net.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Wednesday, August 6, 6:30pm

Dozer Park

Join your UU friends for a fun evening at a Peoria Chiefs baseball game! **Tickets are just \$12 each.** To reserve your spot, please contact Tim Herold by **August 2** at 309-251-7807 (call or text) or at herold1961@gmail.com.

Let's cheer on the Chiefs together!

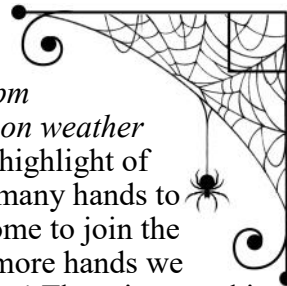


Haunted Forest Planning Meeting

Sunday, August 10, 12:15pm

Foyer or Patio depending on weather

The Haunted Forest is a highlight of the church year and takes many hands to put together. All are welcome to join the planning committee. The more hands we have the spookier we can be! There is something for everyone: pass out candy, decorate the forest, help with the crowd, dress up, clean up, and more. All ideas are welcome!



STORYTELLING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE



Storytelling for Social Change

Sundays, August 10,

17, & 24, Noon

Conference Room

Childcare Provided

With political division becoming more pronounced, it can be difficult to cut through the noise and

really listen to people talking to us about deeply felt issues and concerns. Building common ground and empathy is one way to open up dialogue with friends, family, and our community to change people's opinions on sometimes difficult topics. In this series, we will learn more about ourselves, our personal history, and how to use personal storytelling to bridge divided communities by creating a platform for empathy.

Our facilitator, Nicholis Hall, is a community organizer who has worked for years with local organizations and statewide coalitions to change policy on pre-trial incarceration, domestic violence, tenants' rights, and homelessness. He is excited to share his experience learning how to tell stories for social change and will share a model learned from Listening for a Change. Go to <https://narrativearts.org/story-guide/> to find out more. Come to one, some, or all sessions!



Park Days

Tuesdays, August 12 & 26

3:45-5:15pm

*Lakeview Park Playground ~
1125 W. Lake Ave.*

UUCP families and friends are invited to meet up for

some weekday fun in the park. We'll be at the playground near the Lakeview Recreation Center in Lakeview Park or at the new splash pad. Bring your water bottle, a snack if your people need one, and a change of clothes if you plan to get wet. Come and play with us!

Visiting UUCP

Members at Lutheran Hillside Village



Wednesday, August 13

The Caring Committee will be visiting some of our members who don't get to the Sunday services. We will carpool to Lutheran Hillside Village to offer some music ministry and say a quick hello to our member residents there. If you are interested in coming with us, please text or call Kathy McNeil at 309-687-9739.



Memorial Garden Path Mulching

Saturday, August 16
8-10am

Join us to maintain the short trail between the arch trellis and the stone ring. Bring gloves and a hat! Questions? Contact Evan Stubbs at 575-621-5519 or sirstubby@hotmail.com.

Just for



Sunday Strolls

3rd Sundays at 1pm ~
Next on August 17

The “Just for Fun” group is growing! Thank you to everyone who participated in their second planning meeting. The group decided to host a stroll through one of the local parks the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1pm. They also discussed other possible activities, including hosting a game night, hosting a BINGO game, attending plays at Corn Stock Theatre, taking a trip to the Caterpillar Museum, and having a puzzle race. They are still hammering out details, so watch the Friday *UU News* and monthly *Builder* for info about the monthly strolls and other Just for Fun events. And if you have a suggestion for a fun activity, please contact Roy Seabolt or Julie Joslin or just send an email to JustForFun@peoriauuchurch.org.



Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, August 22

Roasting fire at 6:30pm, Show Time at 8pm

UUCP Patio ~ Bring a Blanket or Lawn Chair

Join us under the stars for a fun, family-friendly evening! We'll be showing a feel-good film for all ages on the big screen right outside our church. Popcorn, lemonade, roasting sticks, dogs, buns, and condiments provided. Bring a side to share! Arrive early to grab a good spot and enjoy some lawn games before the movie starts. In case of bad weather, we will move inside. All are welcome—come enjoy the summer breeze and celebrate community!



Coffee with the Minister

Sunday, August 31, Noon
Conference Room

Do you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and UUCP?

A great way to get your questions answered and to find out more is to attend Coffee with the Minister with Rev. Jennifer Innis and Membership Coordinator Regina Stanley. Questions? Please email Regina at membership@peoriauuchurch.org.



Tuesday, August 26, 6:30pm on Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/w682x5ek>

Join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month on Zoom. We'll read and discuss young adult books that have been banned or challenged in parts of the U.S.—books that spark meaningful conversations around social justice, identity, and UU values. Come ready to read courageously, reflect deeply, and stand up for the stories that matter. Books are available locally at Lit on Fire, online at bookshop.org/shop/UUCP, for free at your local library, and at many more locations.

“Repressive societies always seemed to understand the danger of ‘wrong’ ideas.”

—from *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

This month's selection is *Kindred* by Octavia Butler. The visionary author's masterpiece pulls us—along with her Black female hero—through time in order to face the horrors of slavery and explore the impacts of racism, sexism, and white supremacy then and now. This book has been banned due to its topics of slavery, racial identity, and brutality.

Join us this month or in the future: **September 23:** *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe;

October 28: *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins; **November 25:** *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.

Annual Campaign Update



We Rose to the Moment!

The church's 2025-26 Annual Campaign was a success by many measures!

- 180 families or individuals made a financial commitment.
- 98 of those pledges were increased over 2024-25.
- There were 17 new or reinstated pledges.

We raised \$359,582 toward our goal of \$366,000! Thank you, everyone!

We were able to give the staff a modest 2% increase and meet some of the inflationary costs to the church because of the love and generosity of our members and friends. While some expenses beyond our control increased, our total expense budget is about \$4,000 less than in 2024-25. We didn't budget as much for choir expenses and made painful decisions to cut costs by making deep cuts to what we (1) share with the UUA (from whom we get so much) and (2) set aside for long-term property repairs.

Thank you for your love expressed for our church!

~ The Annual Campaign Team: Galen Faidley, *Chair*, Nancy Rakoff, Amanda Franklin, Tim Herold, John Heiser, Martha Herm, Nora Sullivan, Regina Stanley, Jesi Laughlin, and Rev. Jennifer Innis.

Ex-Officio: Edward Flint

In Our UU Family

Joys & Sorrows

♥ We send our condolences to Linda and Steve Fairbanks for the loss of their daughter, Kelsey Howard, who died on July 6 after a 10-day battle with illness in the ICU at Carle Hospital. She was 35 years old. We are all deeply saddened by this tragedy. Kelsey's obituary may be found here: <https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/il/peoria/kelsey-howard-20013173>.

♥ We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Elizabeth Jelly, a dear friend of Nancy Venzon and longtime friend of UUCP. Elizabeth passed away on July 18. Her Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, August 3, from 2-4pm at Lutheran Hillside Village in the Community Room.

An Update on Our UU Friends at Lutheran Hillside Village

The Caring Committee will begin giving updates each month on our members and friends in extended care facilities. This month's update comes from member Helen Martin, who lives at Lutheran Hillside Village. She offers it with the permission of those included.

♥ **Carol Lowe** ~ She always offers a warm welcome and an outstretched hand to say hello when I enter her room. She is frail but kind and welcoming. Carol lives in the care center.

♥ **Sherry Dearborn** ~ Sherry knows me when I enter and welcomes me, but she is frustrated that she cannot find the words to communicate. Sherry lives in the care portion of the Reach building.

♥ **Bob Dearborn** ~ Bob is one of the most compassionate caregivers I know. He attends to Sherry daily, eats with her, and helps her. He sees to it that she receives good and necessary care. Bob is also seen in the exercise room, keeping fit himself, and he occasionally plays card games with independent-living people.

♥ **Johnnie Dowell** ~ Johnnie celebrated her 101st birthday in June. She lives in assisted living, reads her weekly magazine, has a great ability to remember everything, and is always pleasant.

♥ **Ed Murphy** ~ While Ed is frail, his personality remains intact. He recently moved to assisted living, where he can receive more care.

♥ **Ann Ryan** ~ Ann is a UU from the Northern Chicago area. She lives in independent living and is known for her quiet ways. She would love to be out protesting and campaigning but is a bit frail.

♥ **Helen Martin** ~ Helen is in independent living but sold her car this spring due to weakening eyesight. She is still active but walks with a cane when outside. Helen is deeply disturbed by our present political situation.

Recurring Groups

Life Force Tai Chi ~ 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sundays, August 3 & 17, 9:30am, Meet in Foyer

Tai Chi is an ancient discipline from China. Join Dave Grebner for this class, where we will learn how to stand and move to enhance the flow of chi life energy through our bodies. We will meet in the church foyer, find an available room, and practice until 10am.

Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs

Wednesday, August 6, 6-7:30pm

Conference Room or Zoom

at <https://tinyurl.com/2nyj5zet>

Join us for our monthly member-led meetings. We will go over general business, discuss and plan for upcoming Sabat celebrations, and a member will lead a different enrichment topic each month. CUUPs stands for Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans. All are welcome.

UUCP Herbal Group ~ NEW TIME!

Fridays, Aug. 8 & 22, 5-7pm, UUCP Kitchen

Come learn about nutritional and medicinal uses of herbs on 2nd and 4th Fridays. We'll explore Peoria history through its cuisine and occasionally prepare a dish to share after Sunday service. For more information, email Kevin Cashmer at kevincashmer44@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg for UUs

Sundays, Aug. 10 & 24, 1-3pm, Fellowship Hall

Do you play Mah Jongg or do you want to learn? Join the fun on 2nd and 4th Sundays! Bring your own drink and snack, and if you have a Mah Jongg set or mat, bring it, too. Questions? Contact Char Rickey at 309-472-7085 or spinwool7@aol.com or Evan Stubbs at 575-621-5519 or sirstubby@hotmail.com.

Amethyst Circle: An Addiction Recovery Group Following UU Values

Wed., August 13, 7-8pm, RE Meeting Room or Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/3u7f8yh2>

Gather with others to offer and receive support on your addiction journey. This group is facilitated by Tony Huerta and is open to all.

LGBTQIA2S+ Group at UUCP

Monday, August 18, 2pm, Conference Room

Do you identify as LGBTQIA2S+? Do you attend, visit, or belong to UUCP? Join us on the 3rd Monday each month. Questions? Email Tim Herold at herold1961@gmail.com for details.

Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch

Thursday, August 21, 11:30am

Egg Republic ~ 5315 W Landens Way, Peoria

Join us at this new restaurant with a varied menu. They highlight the generous portions and fresh ingredients in a stylish atmosphere. Please RSVP to Carlette at 309-258-5890.

Brown Bag Lunch & Conversation

Thursday, August 28, 11:30am-1:30pm

Conference Room

Bring your own lunch and join in conversation with others on the 4th Thursday of each month. This lunchtime community is open to all!

Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch

Friday, August 29, Noon

Childers Eatery, 3312 N University St., Peoria

Join other retired UU men for lunch on the last Friday of the month. Questions? Email Bill Keefner at wkeef84@gmail.com.



Drop in and join Membership Coordinator Regina Stanley to discuss whatever is on your mind. Questions? Contact Regina at 309-648-2767 or membership@peoriauuchurch.org.

Mugs & Musings
Thursdays at 10am
Madmac's Coffee ~
361 Old Germantown Rd
Germantown Hills

A Course in Miracles

Sundays, 8:45-10am, Conference Room

You are welcome to join ongoing weekly sessions of *A Course in Miracles*, a self-study spiritual program based on universal spiritual themes, primarily including forgiveness as the path to love in order to focus on living more peacefully in this world. To RSVP, contact Suzette Boulais at zetter@comcast.net.

Humanist Discussion Group

Tuesdays, 7pm on Zoom

at <https://bit.ly/3rthCHR>

Join us as we invite guest presenters and talk about videos of current events, religion, and politics. We aspire to use empathy, humility, curiosity, critical thinking, and compassionate communication to discuss new insights, controversy, disinformation, irrationality, and magical thinking.

Church Life

Pride: In the Name of Love Service ~ Sunday, June 29



4th of July Parade ~ Friday, July 4





Calendar of Events - August 2025

Friday, August 1

8:00 AM-5:00 PM UUCP Rummage Sale

Entire Church

lindytpeterson@comcast.net

Saturday, August 2

8:00 AM-3:00 PM UUCP Rummage Sale (1/2 price)

Entire Church

lindytpeterson@comcast.net

Sunday, August 3

8:45-10:00 AM A Course in Miracles

Conference Room

Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net

9:30 AM Life Force Tai Chi

Meet in Foyer

Dave Grebner, doggiedad@mtco.com

10:30 AM Worship Service

Sanctuary

11:30 AM Rummage Sale Clean Up (*Mexican Food to follow*)

Fellowship Hall

lindytpeterson@comcast.net

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

Sr. High Room

sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

12:30 PM Sunday Afternoon Circle

Monday, August 4

1:00 PM OLLI Practice

Sanctuary

Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com

Tuesday, August 5

7:00 PM SGM Facilitator Meeting

Conference Room

sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

7:00 PM Humanist Discussion Group

Virtual

Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, August 6

1:00 PM Administrative Team

Conference Room

adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org

6:00-7:30 PM Ukulele Strum Fun

Foyer

Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626

6:00 PM Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs

Conference Room & Zoom

DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

6:30 PM Peoria Chiefs Game Outing

Dozer Park

herold1961@gmail.com

Thursday, August 7

10:00 AM Mugs & Musings

MadMac's Coffee

membership@peoriauuchurch.org

2:00-4:00 PM Connection Circle

Jr. High Room

sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Friday, August 8

5:00-7:00 PM UUCP Herbal Group

UUCP Kitchen

kevincashmer44@gmail.com

Saturday, August 9

2:00-5:00 PM Private Event

Fellowship Hall

office@peoriauuchurch.org

Sunday, August 10

8:45-10:00 AM A Course in Miracles

Conference Room

Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net

10:30 AM Worship Service

Sanctuary

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

Fellowship Hall

DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

12:00 PM Storytelling for Social Change

Conference Room

DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

12:15 PM Haunted Forest Planning Meeting

Foyer or Patio

Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com

1:00-3:00 PM Mah Jongg for UUs

Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 11

1:00 PM OLLI Practice

Sanctuary

Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com

6:30 PM Monday Evening Connection Circle

Sanctuary

sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, August 12

3:45-5:15 PM Park Day

Lakeview Park Playground

DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

7:00 PM Humanist Discussion Group

Virtual

Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, August 13 ~ Caring Visit to Lutheran Hillside Village (contact Kathy McNeil 309-687-9739)			
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
3:30 PM	Sierra Club Meeting	Conference Room	Robert Rowe, 309-370-2575
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
7:00-8:00 PM	Amethyst Circle	RE Meeting Room	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
Thursday, August 14			
10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Madmac's Coffee	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Conference Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
Saturday, August 16			
8:00-10:00 AM	Memorial Garden Path Mulching	Memorial Garden	Evan Stubbs, 575-621-5519
Sunday, August 17			
8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net
9:30 AM	Life Force Tai Chi	Meet in Foyer	Dave Grebner, doggiedad@mtco.com
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Storytelling for Social Change	Conference Room	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
12:00 PM	Welcome Committee	RE Meeting Room	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
12:30 PM	Sunday Afternoon Circle	Sr. High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	Just for Fun Sunday Stroll	TBD	JustForFun@peoriauuchurch.org
Monday, August 18			
1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
2:00 PM	LGBTQIA2S+ Group	Conference Room	herold1961@gmail.com
7:00 PM	NOW	Conference Room	
Tuesday, August 19			
6:00 PM	Finance/Personnel Committee	Virtual/Library	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717
Wednesday, August 20			
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
6:30 PM	Worship Committee	Conference Room	office@peoriauuchurch.org
Thursday, August 21			
10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Madmac's Coffee	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
11:30 AM	Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch	Egg Republic	Carlette Corlett, 309-258-5890
2:00-4:00 PM	Connection Circle	Jr. High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
Friday, August 22			
5:00 PM	UUCP Herbal Group	UUCP Kitchen	kevincashmer44@gmail.com
6:30 PM	Summer Movie Night	UUCP Patio	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
Sunday, August 24			
8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Storytelling for Social Change	Conference Room	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UUs	Fellowship Hall	Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com
Monday, August 25			
1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
6:30 PM	Monday Evening Circle		sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
Tuesday, August 26			
3:45-5:15 PM	Park Day	Lakeview Park Playground	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
6:30 PM	UU Can't Ban My Books Book Club	Virtual	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717
7:00 PM	ACLU	Virtual	Ken Hofbauer, peoriaaclu@gmail.com
Wednesday, August 27			
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
6:30 PM	Board Meeting	Conference Room	office@peoriauuchurch.org
11:45 PM	<i>Builder</i> Deadline		office@peoriauuchurch.org
Thursday, August 28			
10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Madmac's Coffee	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Brown Bag Lunch & Conversation	Fellowship Hall	office@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Conference Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
Friday, August 29			
12:00 PM	Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch	Childers on University	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
2:00-9:00 PM	Private Wedding	Entire Church	office@peoriauuchurch.org
Sunday, August 31			
8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Coffee with the Minister	Conference Room	membership@peoriauuchurch.org



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- ~ In person in the Sanctuary
- ~ On Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3sxzsci> or 312-626-6799 w/Meeting ID 999 7726 7210 & Passcode 1843
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